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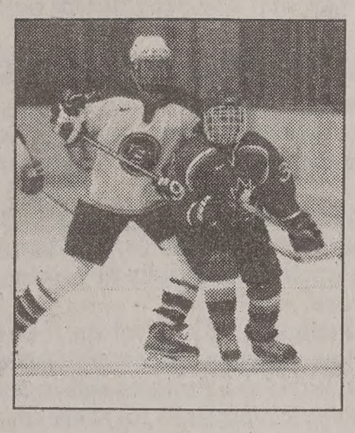

Border War

U.S. Women's Hockey won 4-1 against Canada in the Four Nations Cup.

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Ballot bickering grips Florida

Bush, Gore dwell on possibilities

Associated Press

In an election for the history books, George W. Bush cautiously declared victory in the presidential race Wednesday even as Al Gore portrayed the outcome as uncertain and said Florida's crucial recount should be conducted "without any rush to judgment."

Democrats talked of a potential legal challenge and said it could be days or weeks before the nation knows its next president.

Bush was looking ahead to his transition to power, preparing to announce key roles in his administration for retired Gen. Colin Powell and former Transportation Secretary Andy Card. Running mate Dick Cheney, a former defense secretary under Bush's father, will head the GOP transition team, aides said.

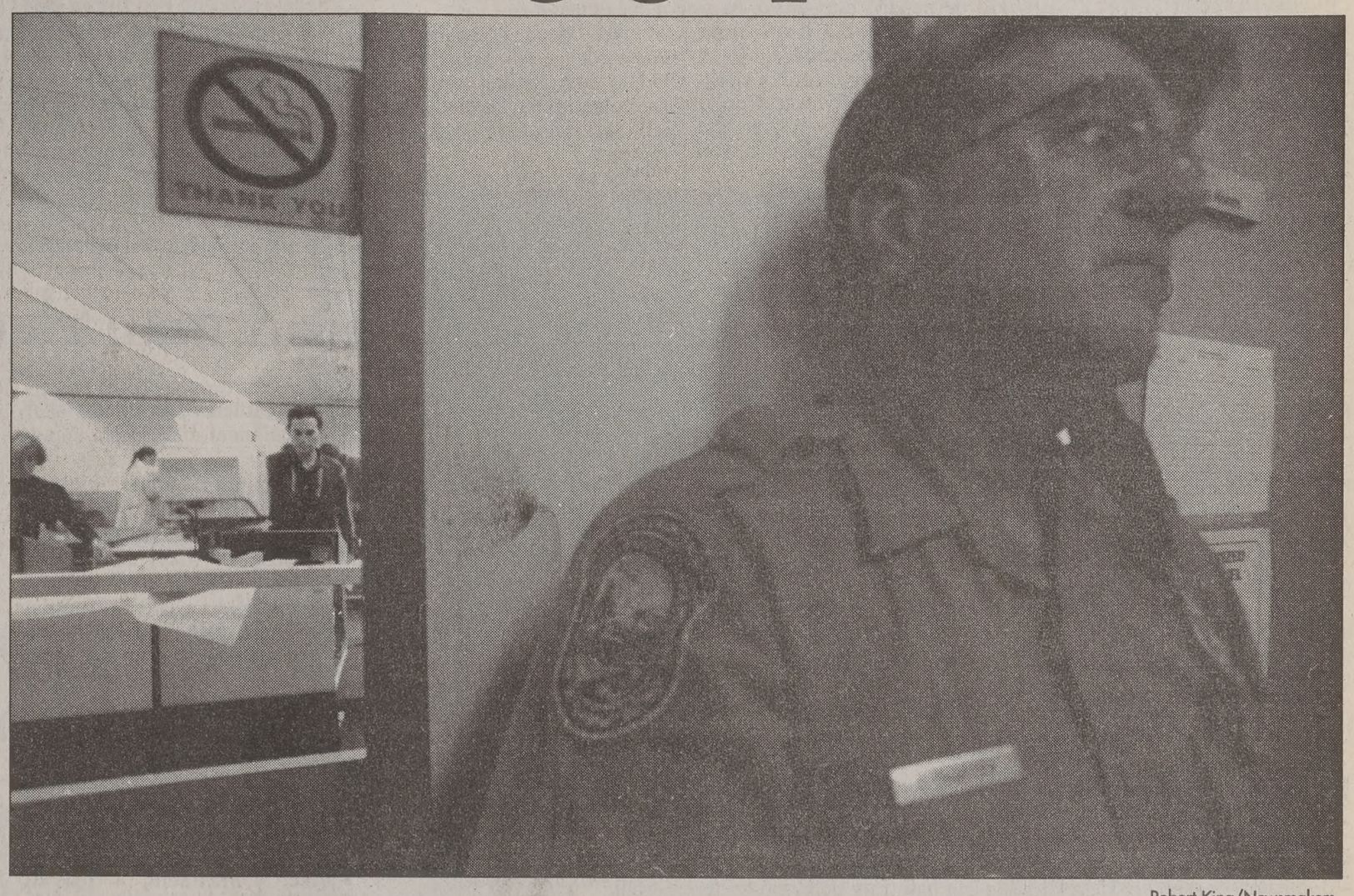
And yet election officials were reviewing vote totals that appeared to give Bush a narrow win in Florida. The state's 25 electoral votes would provide the margin of victory as both Bush and Gore were agonizingly close to the 270 required to win the White House. The AP tally showed Bush leading by about 1,700 popular votes out of 6 million cast in the state.

"It's going to be resolved in a quick way," Bush said. "I'm confident that the secretary and I will be the president-elect and the vice president-elect."

If Bush ends up winning Florida and Gore's lead in the national popular vote holds, Bush would be the fourth man in history - the first in more than a century - to win the presidency despite coming in second in popular votes.

Calling this an "extraordinary moment in our democracy," Gore noted that the Constitution awards the presidency to the Electoral College winner, not necessarily the leading vote-getter. "We are now, as we have been from the moment of our founding, a nation built on the rule of law," Gore said.

But the vice president's aides were privately making the case that Gore's popular-vote lead gives him standing to contest the recount if state officials overlook voting irregularities. As Democrats searched for potential ballot abuses and questioned the motives of Florida's GOP secretary of state, Gore's staff said a legal challenge was one option.



Robert King/Newsmakers

A Security guard for the Dade County Election commission stands guard outside the door where Florida election officials conduct a computerized recount of an estimated 6 million ballots Nov. 8, 2000 in Miami, Florida.

Recount of 6 million ballots under way

Associated Press

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. — Florida officials began recounting nearly 6 million ballots Wednesday to determine the next president, while Democrats and some voters complained of irregularities in the election.

The recount in all 67 counties was triggered by state law because Republican George W. Bush led Democrat Al Gore by less than one-half of 1 percent. State officials said they will count every ballot over again, and expected to be finished by the end of the day Thursday.

Florida elections supervisors also waited for an undetermined number of overseas ballots, primarily from military personnel and their families. The state allows 10 days after the election for the ballots to come in.

The state counted about 2,300 overseas ballots in the 1996 election - more than the margin separating Gore and Bush this time - so there is a remote possibility that those ballots alone could change the outcome.

The scrutiny was intense because Florida, with its 25 electoral votes, will decide the winner of the presidential cliffhanger. In an added twist, the state's governor, Jeb Bush, is the younger brother of the Republican nominee.

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>
> — Jeb Bush, Governor of Florida

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The latest Florida totals, including all absentee ballots received so far, showed Bush with 2,909,135 votes and Gore with 2,907,351 - a difference of 1,784 in a state with 8.75 million registered voters.

With 28 of 67 Florida counties recounted Wednesday, Bush's lead over Gore decreased by 663 votes. Gore had a net gain of 839 votes from Tuesday night's count; Bush, a net gain of 176 votes.

Both Bush and Gore campaigned hard in the state and regarded it as crucial.

Some counties completed the count Wednesday and forwarded results to Tallahassee for certification by Republican Secretary of State Katherine Harris and Roberts, a Republican appointee. Jeb Bush said he recused himself.

Although both candidates typically pick up votes in a recount. Veterans of the process said it is unusual for one side to pick up enough votes to make a difference in the outcome.

In each county, a county judge, the chairman of the county commission and the local elections supervisor, recounted the votes by feeding punch cards through tabulation machines three times. The makeup of the canvassing board is supposed to insulate the process from politics, state elections director Clay Roberts said.

Two former secretaries of state - Warren Christopher for Gore and James A. Baker III for Bush - were heading monitoring teams sent to Florida on Wednesday.

In Florida and elsewhere, Democrats grumbled about long lines at the polls, reports that ballots were late in arriving at polling places and other possible irregularities.

"We've received literally thousands of telephone calls and inquiries and reports of irregularities like ballots appearing and disappearing, voter intimidation, and the totals of this election sort of mysteriously disappearing and growing overnight," state Democratic Party chairman Bob Poe said.

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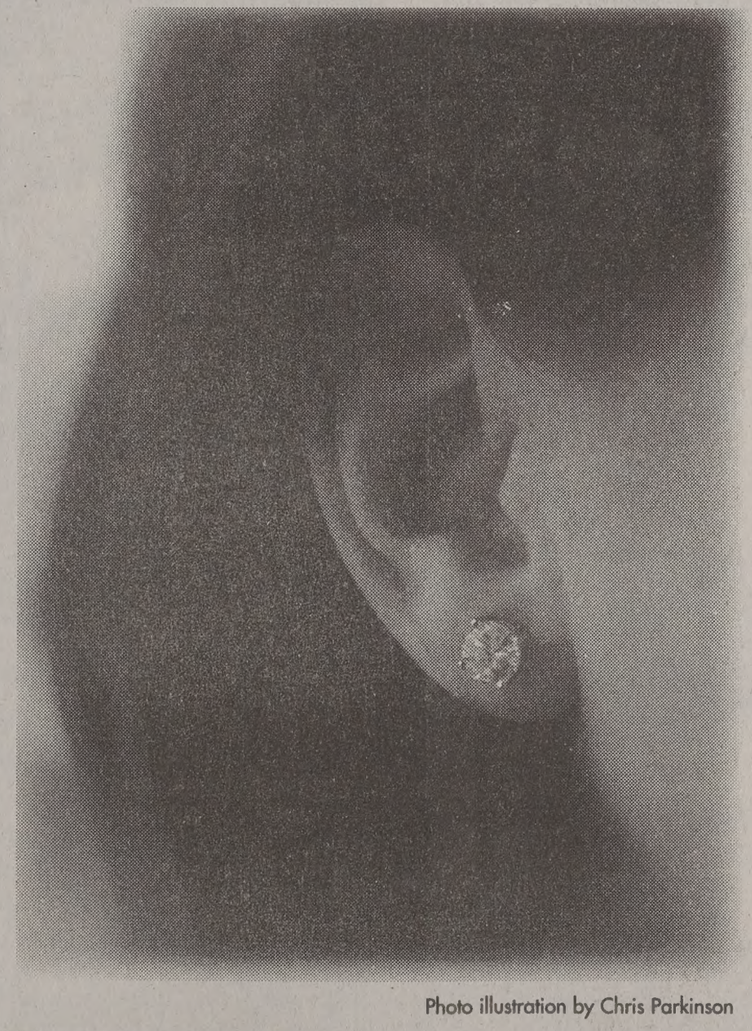
Honor Code changes with one swift pierce



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NewsNet Staff Writers

When students receive their ecclesiastical endorsement forms in January, they may notice a one-word change in the dress and grooming standards.

To align the Honor Code with the counsel of President Gordon B. Hinckley of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, the administration is changing the dress and grooming standard to require women to wear no more than one earring in each ear.

In President Hinckley's address at the General Relief Society, he said "We — the First Presidency and the Council of the Twelve — have taken the position, and I quote, that 'the church discourages tattoos. It also discourages the piercing of the body for other than medical purposes, although it takes no position on the minimal piercing of the ears by women for one pair of earrings.'"

The altered Honor Code will change one word in the dress and grooming standards section so it will read, "Excessive ear piercing (more than one per ear) and all other body piercing are not acceptable."

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>
> — New BYU Honor Code

The only word changed in the statement is the word "one" replacing the word "two," said Steve Baker, Honor Code director.

"This is just a slight shift, it is not a major adjustment," he said.

Winter Semester is a transition period in which bishops will have an opportunity to discuss the change with their ward members, Baker said.

Baker said he thinks the statement on piercing went into effect as soon as President Hinckley issued it. As far as the university is concerned, it will be implemented with the new ecclesiastical endorsement forms sent out in January so students will be aware of the change by April.

"It will take time for everyone to get the word and understand," he said.

The expectation is that students will work with the Honor Code as a matter of commitment to it, Baker said.

Student Life Vice President Janet Scharman said a letter simply noting the change will be sent to ecclesiastical leaders along with endorsement forms.

"Our stand is that when the prophet has spoken, the decision-making process is over," she said.

Carrie Jenkins, University Communications assistant to the president, said the change becomes officially effective at the conclusion of Winter Semester.

"We hope that students will take the prophet's counsel and do what he asked them to do," she said.

CAMPUS

...U/U students ...return early ...m Jerusalem

...after almost three months of ...sses, field trips and cultural ...entures in the Middle East, ...tudents of the BYU Jerusalem ...nter for Near Eastern Studies return home Nov. 24.

...U/U spokesman Michael ...art confirmed plans for the ...tudents' early return before ...nksgiving.

...riginally scheduled to end ..., 10, the study abroad pro... will be cut short by 16 ...s.

...owever, no field trips have ...n cancelled, Smart said. ...y a few activities have been ...rranged to allow for the stu... 'early exit of the Middle ...t.

...original plans had the stu... ...ts returning to Jerusalem ... a trip to Cairo, then return... home after spending their ... few weeks there. But now ...tudents will fly out of Cairo on ... 24, Smart said.

...o other details about their ...rn are available at this time.

— Ali Anderson

WORLD

...rafat flies ...Washington, ...ath toll rises

...RUSALEM — Violence flared ...e West Bank and Gaza Strip ... Wednesday even as ...stinian leader Yasser Arafat ...ded for Washington to consult ... President Clinton. Palestinian ...men killed a customs worker ...ner way to work, and four ...stinians were shot dead in ...nes.

...e Palestinian leader flew to ... to meet with Egyptian ...ident Hosni Mubarak — the ... sponsor, with Clinton, of the ... process — and then head... London to meet with British ...e Minister Tony Blair.

...arafat was due in Washington ...nightfall, and will meet with ...on on Thursday. Israeli Prime ...ister Ehud Barak was to meet Clinton on Sunday.

...rak said on Israeli television ...he will not ask for resumption ...peace negotiations.

...go to Washington to ensure ... the end of violence that was ...ed on at Sharm el-Sheikh is ...ed out if that is possible. That ," he said, referring to a truce ...tiated last month by Clinton in ...

...though the Palestinians have ...they won't declare statehood ...Nov. 15 — the 12th anniver... of a symbolic independence ...aration Arafat made in exile ...ey did say they might do so ...out prior notice.

WORLD

...ssian leader: ...d note found ...sunken sub

...SCOW — Crew members ...d a crippled nuclear subma... ...struggled against deadly car...monoxide gas from a fire but ...d they could not survive an ...pt to reach the surface, one ...r wrote in the second note ... the Kursk to be made public. ...feel bad ... we're weakened ...effects of carbon monoxide ... the fire ... the pressure is ...easing in the compartment ... if ...ead for the surface we won't ...ve the compression," Deputy ...Minister Ilya Klebanov read ... the note on ORT government ...sion Wednesday.

...note was found in the clothes ...unidentified submariner after ...body was pulled from the ves... ...by deep-sea divers, said ...anov, who read parts of the ...page after a meeting of the ...nment commission investi... ...g the Aug. 12 disaster.

...note was written around 1 ... that day, Klebanov said, ... an hour and a half after the ...marine was torn apart by ...sions and sank to the bottom ...Barents Sea. All 118 aboard ...ually died.

— Associated Press

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News Briefs

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Riots challenge Yugoslavian democracy

NIS, Yugoslavia — Despite government pledges to improve conditions and cut jail time, protests spread to two more prisons Wednesday, posing a new challenge to Yugoslavia's new pro-democracy leadership.

Unlike the previous three days when inmates rioted, burned buildings and reportedly raped female inmates at one facility, Wednesday was quiet with prisoners roaming outside their cells at prisons in Sremska Mitrovica, Nis and Pozarevac.

But hundreds of inmates at Padinska Skela prison outside Belgrade and at a juvenile detention center in the central Serbian town of Valjevo refused to perform work assignments and in some cases declared hunger strikes to back demands to share in an amnesty for political prisoners and receive better treatment.

Three days of prison riots left at least one prisoner dead, an unspecified number of people injured and several buildings damaged by fire.

Police officers recruited for Olympics

SALT LAKE CITY — The head of security for the 2002 Winter Games plans to ask the nation's police chiefs to commit up to 1,000 officers to help ensure public safety during the Olympics.

Planners predict 3,500 officers will be needed during the two-week Olympics in February 2002. About 1,300 officers from venue cities in Utah have so far been committed, Utah Department of Public Safety Commissioner Craig Dearden said.

Dearden, who is also chairman of the Utah Olympic Public Safety Command, will make his pitch for officers at the International Association of Chiefs of Police convention in San Diego next week.

Dearden said he is encouraged that dozens of officers from the United States and abroad have asked to participate. He said Australia, Greece and Italy have already promised to send officers.

USU to get new president in January

SALT LAKE CITY — A constitutional law historian who is North Carolina State University's chief academic officer has been named president of Utah State University.

Kermit L. Hall begins work in early January, replacing George H. Emert, who is retiring after more than eight years as president. The school's board of regents approved his appointment Wednesday.

"Utah State University has and will be even more the university of the people of Utah," Hall said in a release.

Hall has been provost and vice chancellor for academic affairs at North Carolina State since July 1999. Before that, he headed the colleges of humanities and arts, and sciences at Ohio State University.

Hall, who has a law degree and has written about constitutional law and the U.S. Supreme Court.

Experts try to unravel King Tut mystery

CAIRO, Egypt — Experts announced DNA tests to take place for two famed mummies Wednesday to try to solve the centuries-old mystery of whether Egypt's King Tut had truly been the rightful blood heir.

Comparing Tut's ancient DNA with that of the pharaoh traditionally held to be his grandfather should answer the question of whether the boy-king really was of royal stock, said Gaballah Ali Gaballah, head of Egypt's Supreme Council of Antiquities.

"This riddle has gone on for a long time. Probably DNA is the last resort to end it," Gaballah said.

Tutankhamun ruled Egypt 3,300 years ago, reigning from about age 8 to his death at 17. The boy-king is thought to have succeeded Amenhotep IV, better-known as Akhenaten, and official policy at the time associated Tut by blood to the great pharaoh.

Weather

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Year to date			
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sources: BYU Geography Dept., CNN

Scripture of the Day

"Wherefore, whoso believeth in God might with surety hope for a better world, yea, even a place at the right hand of God, which hope cometh of faith, maketh an anchor to the souls of men, which would make them sure and steadfast always abounding in good works, being led to glorify Christ.

— Ether 12:4

Neal Northam, 22, a history major from Loomis, CA., likes this scripture because "it teaches us that faith is what puts us with God and will be our anchor in the stormy weather of life."

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Election 2000

GOP, Democrats evaluate Congress

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Republicans took nervous stock Wednesday of their congressional majorities, smaller in the House and approaching the vanishing point in the post-election Senate. Democrats vowed to press for their campaign agenda in the new Congress.

> "I believe that the will of the people has been expressed ... and that the people's voice should be respected and heard."
>
> —Sen. John Ashcroft, R-Mo.

Senate Minority Leader Tom Daschle called his party's unexpectedly large Senate gains a "historic affirmation" of a platform that includes a patients bill of rights and proposals to reduce class size.

In the House, Rep. Richard Gephardt of Missouri said he would seek another term as the Democratic Party's leader if the rank and file are "willing to have me."

After two years of frosty relations with Republican leadership, Gephardt placed a call to Speaker Dennis Hastert, R-Ill., part of an effort to "see if we can get things on a better, more collaborative plane here.

With a Washington state Senate race and two House seats too close to call, the makeup of the 107th Congress looked like this: Republicans control 220 seats in the House, to 211 for the Democrats. There are two independents, one aligned with each party. Republicans have 50 Senate seats, to 49 for the Democrats.

That pointed to a Democratic pickup of two seats in the House and at least three in the Senate after the costliest campaign in history.

But the final Senate lineup was unpredictable, too, because of the unsettled presidential race. A Democratic win there would send Sen. Joseph Lieberman to the vice presidency, and allow Connecticut's Republican governor to appoint a replacement.

As in any election, there were transitions aplenty.

Sen.-elect Hillary Rodham Clinton, D-N.Y., held a po election news conference a said she intends to fulfill l public duties as first lady wh preparing to become a meml of Congress.

Senate Majority Leader Tr Lott greeted her election tartl "I tell you one thing, when t Hillary gets to the Senate — she does, maybe lightning w strike and she won't — she w be one of 100 and we won't her forget it," the Republic said in Mississippi.

In Missouri, Republican S John Ashcroft conceded def in his race against the late G Mel Carnahan, whose widow in line to receive a Sen appointment. Some Republica in Washington talked of a co challenge, but Ashcroft said would have none of that.

"I believe that the will of people has been expressed and that the people's vo should be respected and hear he said.

First lady, dead man elections create Senate sti

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Republicans will control the Senate by a slimmer margin in the new Congress but ceded history to Democrats with the elections of first lady Hillary Rodham Clinton in New York and a dead man in Missouri. Five incumbents fell, four of them Republican.

Losing were Republicans John Ashcroft of Missouri, Rod Grams of Minnesota, William Roth of Delaware and Spencer Abraham of Michigan, along with Charles Robb, the only endangered Democrat.

With winners declared in 33 of the 34 races at stake, Republicans will have at least 50 of the 100 senators. Still too close to call was the race in Washington state, where former Rep. Maria Cantwell spent part of her Internet fortune to challenge incumbent Sen. Slade Gorton.

Washington State election officials estimated Wednesday that with 1.7 million votes counted, as many as 680,000 ballots — some mail-in votes postmarked as late as Tuesday — could still be awaiting the final count. Gorton and state officials say it could be days before the results are clear, and counties have until Nov. 22 to certify final returns.

Joseph Lieberman's re-election to a third term actually gave Democrats 49 seats, but he would have to resign if elected vice president, leaving Connecticut's Republican governor to name a GOP replacement.

Clinton's defeat of Republican Rep. Rick Lazio made her the first ever first lady elected to public office, but even her historic victory lacked the drama and poignancy of the Missouri race.

The late Gov. Mel Carnahan, killed three weeks ago in a plane crash, outpolled Ashcroft. Carnahan's widow, Jean, has agreed to accept a gubernatorial appointment to the seat.

"We remain heirs of a legacy, heirs of a dream," Mrs. Carnahan, 66, said, comparing her husband's unfinished work to that of Abraham Lincoln, Martin Luther King and Susan B. Anthony — the suffragette who never got to vote.

No one had ever posthumously won election to the Senate, although voters on at least three occasions sent deceased candidates to the House. Republicans have discussed whether they will go to court to challenge the Missouri outcome.

Carnahan and Democrats w knocked off Republicans Delaware, Michigan a Minnesota all won by capturi the edge among moderate v ers, exit polls showed. G gains in Virginia and Neva came with strong support fr white men and conservatives

The slimmer Republican m gin could assure more gridlo on key issues, since the G remains far short of the 60 vo needed to break a filibust This fall, the GOP has a 54- edge.

"The Senate is never eas said Majority Leader Tr Lott, R-Miss., himself re-ele ed.

"But when you get a n administration and a n Congress, it gives you sort of opportunity to take a little ti out and see what we can together."

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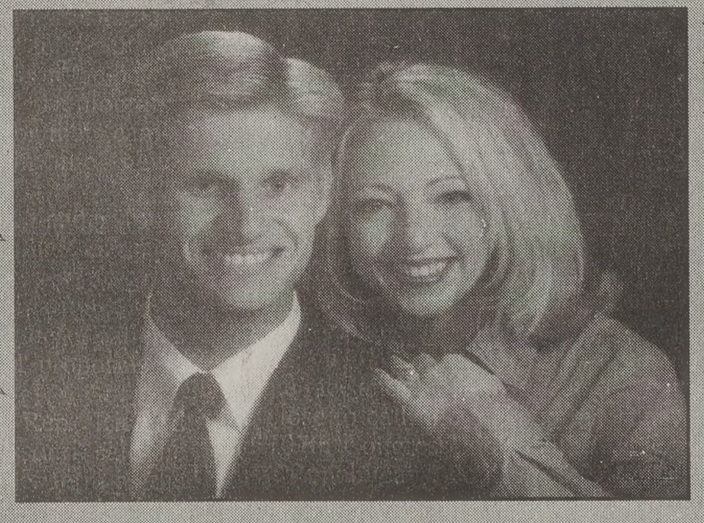

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...nsit will now become ...e of a factor against ... quarter-cent-per-dollar ...e sales tax for transit ... was approved in Salt ...is and Weber counties. ...r County, the tax was ...53 percent to 47 per... Davis County, it won 58 ...42 percent. And in Salt ...as approved 54 percent ...

...on, police will have a ...me seizing property ... in crimes after a ... initiative was passed ...ercent voting in favor. ...ers will have a trust ...the tobacco settlement ...fter 61 percent of voters adopted a constitutional amendment creating the fund. Half of that money will be used by the Legislature when needed while the rest will stay in the fund to earn interest.

Until Tuesday, when two citizens' initiatives were passed, Utah voters had only approved two initiatives in the past 40 years.

But getting initiatives those on the ballot was not cheap this year.

The official English initiative was bankrolled by the Washington, D.C.-based U.S. English, which spent more than $136,640 — a majority of which was spent on the petition drive. Opponents raised $42,123.

Those backing the property forfeiture measure spent the most money to get on the ballot. Utahns for Property Protection, which backed the property seizure initiative, spent $716,323.

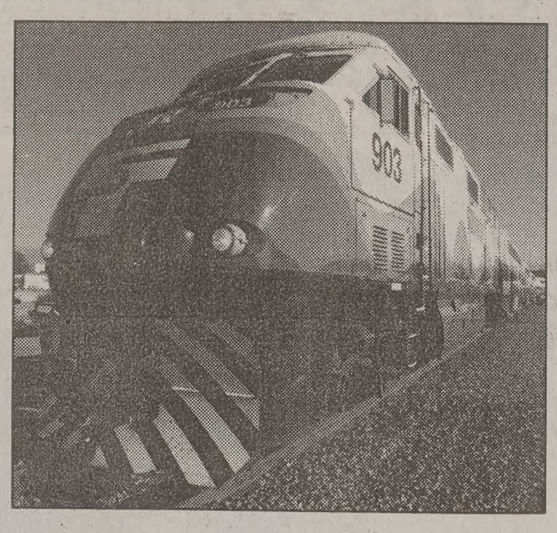
The Utah Coalition to Stop Drug Dealer Profits spent just $14,552 fighting the initiative.

One of the most contentious ballot measures was the official English initiative, the proposal to prohibit — with some exceptions — state and local agencies from conducting government business or printing information in any language except English.

Supporters contended it would prod immigrants to quickly assimilate and give the government a guideline on how to handle foreign languages.

Gov. Mike Leavitt, his challenger Bill Orton, Sen. Orrin Hatch and Salt Lake City Mayor Rocky Anderson were among those opposed to the initiative. Anderson called it racist.

Carol Gnade, director of the Utah chapter of the American Civil Liberties Union, said the group would likely file a lawsuit claiming violation of equal protection and freedom of speech.



Transit officials took this Seattle commuter train for a test ride last month to judge the possibility of installing an Ogden-Provo line. Voters passed a measure Tuesday paving the way for just such a commuter line.

File photo

Green Party steals Gore's thunder

Associated Press

PORTLAND, Ore. — The TV monitors, tuned to network election coverage, didn't even show the Green vote. It was always Democrats this, Republicans that.

No wonder Green activists who gathered at a Portland tavern said numbers didn't matter.

Their presidential candidate, Ralph Nader, received 3 percent of the national vote and about 4 percent in Oregon — not enough to qualify the party for federal campaign funds, but enough to draw complaints that Nader had helped deliver the election to Republican George W. Bush.

A disappointment, then?

Certainly not, insisted Tre Arrow, a Green candidate who polled 5 percent in Portland's 3rd District congressional race but is better known for sitting on a building ledge for 11 days last summer to protest logging on national forests.

"Everything's a victory, bro,"' Arrow said, wearing a tattered cap and carrying a square of brown cardboard bearing a hand-scrawled message: "Vote Your Conscience."

"Whether I'm elected, whether Ralph's elected, whether Ralph gets 5 percent or 15 percent, the bottom line is that there's an underlying grassroots movement that's really fed up with the duopoly, with the oligarchy, with the Republicrats," Arrow said.

Some critics charged that Green's small numbers made a big difference in the presidential election. A Eugene-based group called Greens for Gore blamed Nader for creating "an electoral tragedy" by luring away potential Gore voters in Florida, Oregon and other states.

With 70 percent of the Oregon vote counted, Gore trailed Bush, 46 percent to 48 percent. If more than half of Nader's 4 percent had gone to Gore instead, that might have put the vice president over the top, critics of Nader said.

In Florida, where the race is being decided and Bush led by only 1,655 votes after all precincts had reported, Nader polled 96,896 votes. A recount is under way.

"Ralph Nader has taken something very beautiful and turned it into something ugly," said Gary "Spruce" Houser, a former Nader supporter and Green activist who switched to supporting Gore in an effort to defeat Republican George W. Bush.

"His misguided insistence on continuing to campaign until the bitter end seems now to have been a deciding factor in putting George W. Bush into the White House," Houser said early Wednesday.

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Democracy depends on Electoral College votes

Election Day was supposed to be a climax. It turned out to be a cliffhanger.

Now Americans are faced with a potentially bitter battle for the presidency. The result will not only determine who is the next president, but it could also call into question the legitimacy of the Electoral College.

We hope the 2000 Election does not tarnish this Constitutional institution.

Officials in Florida started recounting the presidential votes there Wednesday. The updated number of votes for Vice President Al Gore and Gov. George W. Bush should be released by this afternoon.

The results will determine which candidate has the requisite number of electoral votes to win the presidency.

The problem is that Bush could win — despite the fact that Gore has a greater number of total votes across the nation.

To see a candidate with the most votes lose seems counterintuitive to democracy. But democracy isn't just about majority rule. It isn't that simple.

For years activists have contended that the Electoral College is an anti-democratic anachronism. They argue a direct election would be a fairer and simpler way to decide. They are wrong.

According to Curtis Gans of the Committee for the Study of the American Electorate, a non-partisan group, change to a direct election would decrease already low rates of political participation and eliminate important voices from the political arena.

In a national direct election, individual votes would have less visible effects on the outcome, one of the factors of political participation, Gans said.

Direct election of the president would also destroy part of the important balance between majority rule and minority rights.

Because of the Electoral College, candidates need to consider issues important to minority groups like farmers and blacks.

Both these groups, while relatively small in number, hold considerably more sway than their numbers because they are concentrated in certain states. As a result, the candidates must address farming issues when campaigning in Midwestern states. In a direct election, these voices would be drowned out against the faceless majority.

The elimination of the Electoral College would have far-reaching implications on future presidential elections. It would change the incentives of candidates and voters. It would go against the Constitution. It would cut the power of the small states, throwing the election to the more populous ones.

Gore has the right attitude. In an address Wednesday, he said no matter what happens in Florida, he will accept the results of the Electoral College. He said he will not go against the Constitution, and neither should we.

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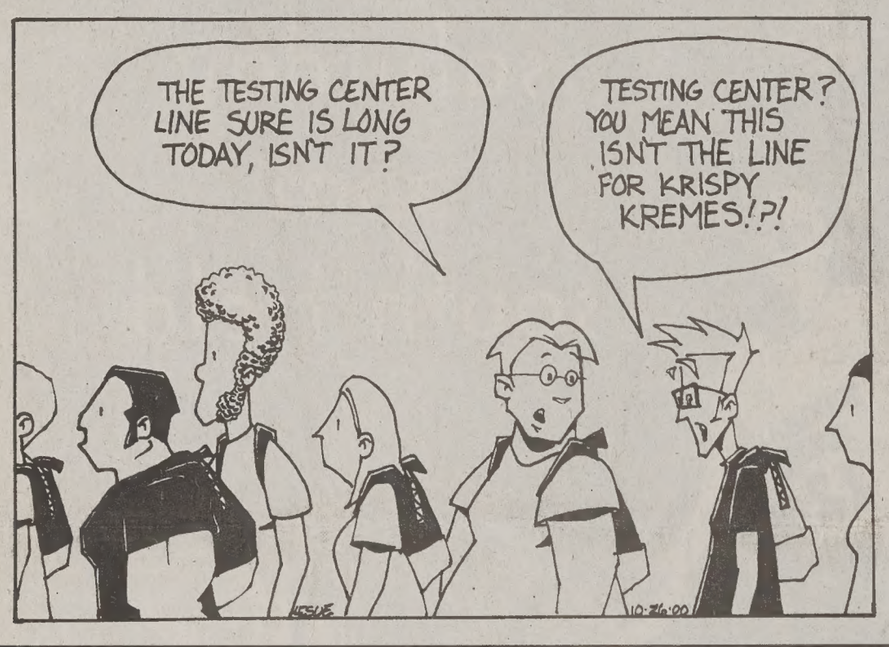

FROM THE FIFTH FLOOR

Behind the headlines

seth lewis & tiffany gee

Associate Copy Chiefs

It was the type of night we news junkies revel in — scandals, retractions, "too close to calls" and lots of headline possibilities.

The fire drill that sent us out into the snow at 8 p.m. Tuesday was a sign, an omen of the helter-skelter election hysteria about to unfold before us at NewsNet.

8:32 p.m.: A crowd of reporters, editors and strangers who seemingly wandered up from the Cougareat assemble around a TV, reverently watching the tricolored U.S. map morph like a chameleon — red, blue, red, blue.

8:41 p.m.: A dozen pizzas and two tubs of pop arrive. Acting as if they haven't seen food in weeks, NewsNetters abandon stories and TV for pepperoni and pineapple.

9:53 p.m.: Boxes of Krispy Kreme doughnuts arrive ... Did someone say there's an election going on?

10:28 p.m.: Hillary Clinton gives an acceptance speech so gravelly it sounds like she swallowed a handful of sand. Hillary gushingly thanks everyone who stood behind her — everyone, that is, except her husband, who is standing behind her on the dais. Editors debate over which of two frightening photos of Hillary to use in the paper. Hey, at least we don't have to worry about the audio.

12:06 a.m.: The next movie out of Missouri? "Dead Man Winning." (That headline was rejected, by the way.) Late Gov. Mel Carnahan wins the state's Senate seat — from the grave. The newsroom cheers another great story for Wednesday's paper.

12:17 a.m.: Bush is declared president.

Around the newsroom, there are high-fives and hugs among some reporters, while the editor-in-chief cries.

12:18 a.m.: The Daily Universe inserts "Bush wins!" as a 110-point headline on the front page.

12:32 a.m.: A once-buzzing newsroom empties. The Republicans head off to toast the night with caffeine-free Cokes, while Democrats loiter mournfully, not able to grasp the idea that their silk-talking candidate could lose to the Elmer Fudd of politics.

1:20 a.m.: Not so fast. Things get crazy as the Sunshine State begins to look cloudy. Bush's precarious lead dwindles as the final precincts report, and a pall falls over the newsroom's remaining Republicans. Krispy Kremes go stale.

1:37 a.m.: It's official. Gore ditches his prepared speech and gives Bush a call back to take back his concession. ("Governor, did I mention I put those Florida votes in an ironclad lockbox?") Our editor-in-chief exults.

2:14 a.m.: Bleary-eyed editors scrap the "Bush wins!" headline and put their throbbing heads together to come up with a final declaration: "Nobody wins!"

2:29 a.m.: The paper is sent to the press as remaining staff unanimously vote the Krispy Kreme owner as the only person truly worthy of the presidency.

Seth Lewis and Tiffany Gee, who happen to be engaged, are print journalism majors from Gresham, Ore., and Austin, Texas, respectively.

BYUSA Connection: Fill out SCAMP surveys

We are excited to announce that beginning next week we will be administering a wide scale student survey to several thousand randomly selected BYU students. This survey will enable us to provide Provo City with hard data about student opinion on SCAMP.

Should you happen to receive an e-mail invitation to complete a SCAMP survey in the coming days, please take the five minutes necessary to complete it. Each student's individual perspective is vital in giving constructive feedback to Provo City.

All students, regardless of receiving a survey or not, can offer feedback on the SCAMP project by e-mailing SCAMP@byu.net. The viewpoints from e-mails received will be used to determine trends in student opinion, and copies will be given to Provo City in the coming weeks.

As always, if you would like to contact me regarding SCAMP or any other issue, e-mail me at bill_brady@byu.edu.

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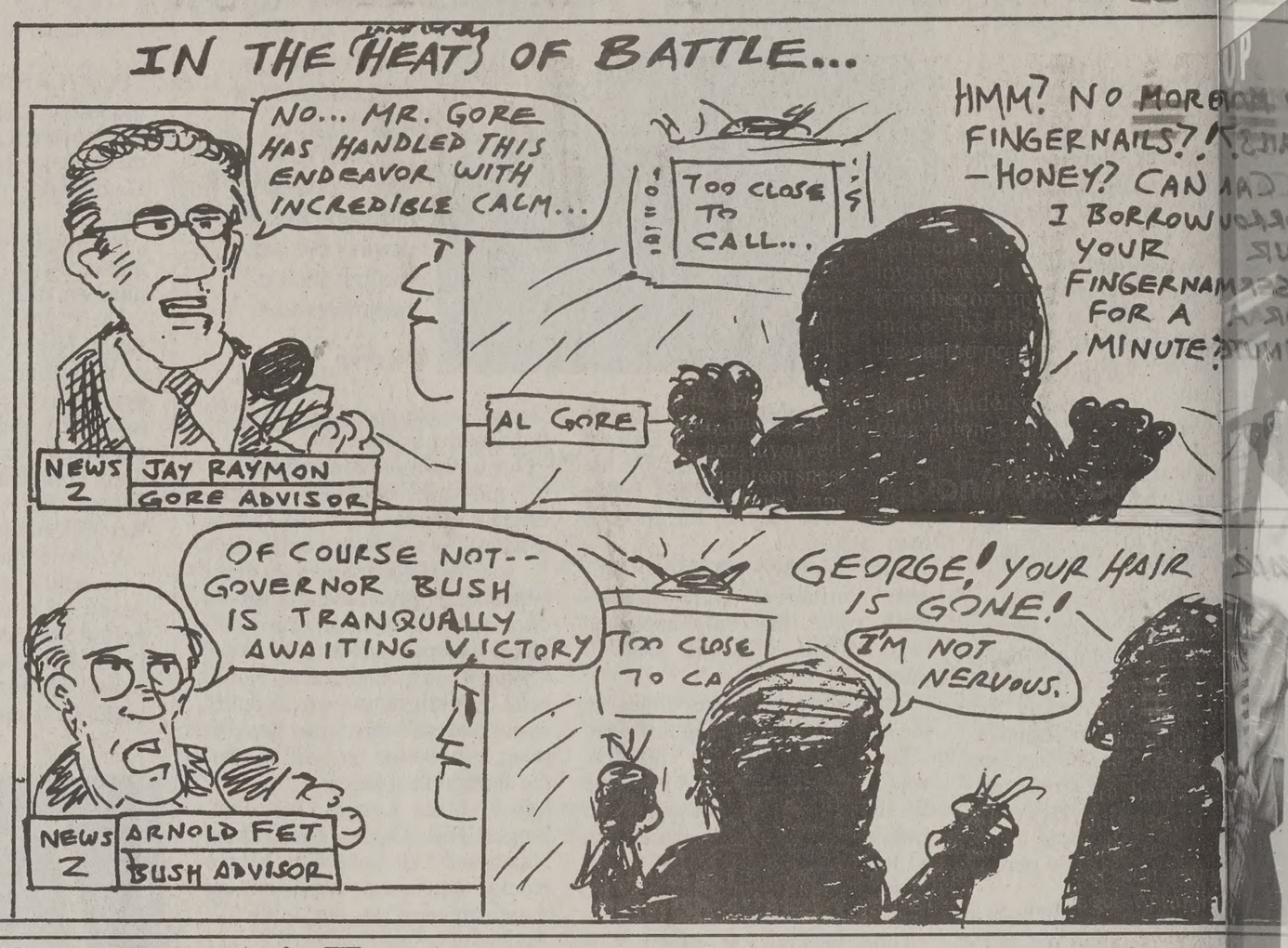
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JAY RAYMON
GORE ADVISOR
OF COURSE NOT-- GOVERNOR BUSH IS TRANQUILLY AWAITING VICTORY
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GEORGE! YOUR HAIR IS GONE!
I'M NOT NERVOUS.
NEWS 2
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BUSH ADVISOR

READERS' FORUM

No more whining

Dear Editor,

When I was in grade school, they told us that middle school teachers would be harder on us by not accepting late assignments. When I got to middle school, they told us high school teachers wouldn't be so lenient.

When I got to high school, they said college professors would take no slack.

In almost every class I've taken in college, I have seen whining students (myself included) crying for more points. We whine for points; we argue that the test was unfair; we complain the material wasn't covered; we cry because we weren't "told" what would be on the test.

Food for thought — we are students of Brigham Young UNIVERSITY.

Mark Cope
Provo

Abortion and agency

Dear Editor,

The recent abortion "realities" articles have motivated me to write a response to it. I understand that people can feel so impassioned about this issue that they see anything not against abortion as for it. I disagree. I consider myself to be against abortion but think that it is a woman should have the choice to decide. Some would now label me pro-choice, but I honestly don't know what that means. I do know that I don't want to be responsible for taking away anyone's free agency. I don't need to judge people because I know they will be judged by the Lord in their own due time. Some worry about the unborn children, but I know they will also be taken care of.

The talk of "rare instances" mentions times when it may be necessary. I wonder who of us is qualified and has the wisdom to make that decision. Please do not make the assumption that because I feel I lack the knowledge and wish to let the Lord handle the situation that I am for abortion.

Michael Esselman
Mooresville, N.C.

Political lemmings

Dear Editor,

This letter is in response to the letter titled "Democrats, moral issues." The author said the Democratic Party supported a number of issues he felt were in conflict with a "Christian's" moral values — citing homosexuality and abortion. Consequently, the letter maintained that Mormons shouldn't belong to the Democratic Party.

No one should criticize anyone's preference of a political party. Furthermore, political parties aren't static, they are dynamic. The people who make up the party determine what will be supported and can change the party's stance on any issue. So, instead of being lemmings and joining one party because Mom and Dad are members of the same party, perhaps people should join parties in an effort to change them. This is true, especially for Christians, who could really change issues on both sides if they didn't all jump on a political bandwagon and not ever participate.

Political parties represent how individuals believe government should be run. Let's look at Bush and Gore's platforms. Bush believes in a small government, and Gore doesn't. Bush believes in a spending a lot of money on a national defense. Gore believes in spending money to support struggling farmers, and Bush doesn't. Bush believes government should decide if homosexual couples can adopt, and Gore thinks local communities should decide.

These areas listed above are how they believe the government should function, not how it will function, and not whether their view is righteous or wicked. Neither party (Democrat or Republican) has a monopoly on goodness.

As citizens of this country, if we don't like a particular stand, we have a responsibility to change it. I say, if you don't agree, do something about it and stop whining — it's your duty.

Cyrus Javadi
Provo

Readers' Forum letters policy

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Name, home town and phone number must accompany all letters. All letters are subject to editing for length and clarity. Letters must be submitted in person at BYU NewsNet offices, 5538 WSC, sent by e-mail at letters@du2.byu.edu (no attachments) or faxed to 378-2959. Ali Anderson, opinion editor, can be reached at 378-2957.

Stay involved in politics

Dear Editor,

I'm really appalled at how many students I personally know who didn't vote — students who didn't take the time to go to their polling places, fill out an absentee ballot, or even register. Do they not understand that decisions made by voters today will affect our future and our children's future?

I've been voting by absentee ballot for five years now. And, granted, sometimes it's a hassle. But at least I have the satisfaction of knowing that I'm making my voice heard, exercising my rights and doing my duty as an American citizen. But most importantly, I'm fighting for what I believe is right, no matter what the issue.

I think President Hinckley put it best, "Now, I want to say to you, and I say it with a plea in my heart, get involved. Get involved on the side of righteousness and truth and decency and sobriety and virtue. You, and others like you, are the great hope of the world. God bless you to speak up for truth and decency ...." (Gordon B. Hinckley, "Prepare to Lead," BYU Devotional address, Feb. 25, 1969).

This election is over, but the need is still there. Come on, don't be passive!

Stand up for whatever you may believe in, and get out there and get involved in the community, your community.

Caressa Basham
Santa Barbara, Calif.

Study bipartisan system

Dear Editor,

I am puzzled by the efforts of some in our community to boil down our bipartisan political system to moral issues. They seem to largely ignore other socio-political aspects involved. If you make the decision to participate in bipartisan politics, why not research beyond the superficial and discover the real platforms of the two parties? Being a Democrat is not about abortion or gay rights! Being a Republican is not about protecting our great nation from the liberal infidels!

I greatly respect both my grandfather and my mother, who are Democrats. (I hope no one will report me to the Honor Code subcommittee on non-Mormon activities for admitting this.) My father is strongly Republican. Early on I learned it is the issues, not the parties, that are important. I am grateful to my parents for teaching me that I can step aside from partisan politics when I vote.

It is high time that we opened our eyes to the idea that the popular way of thinking here is not the only one. In fact, just belonging to the LDS Church or this community does not make our vi... on any issue any more valid tha... Politics, especially, are a realm ... Americans speak much but u... little. It is no wonder the foundi... devised a system that does n... power of presidential election c... the hands of the American peopl...

Daniel Lamb
Collinston, Box Elder County

Engagement ring i...

Dear Editor,

Recently I was walking on ca... the Wilkinson Student Center. I... girls notice each other from a dis... could tell by the loud, high pitch... that they hadn't seen each o... while. It caught many peoples' a... watched as one of the girls stuc... hand as soon as they had reac... other. It seemed obvious that ... showing off her engagement rin... heard some of their conversatio... talked about how pretty it was ... big the diamond was.

I have noticed this behavior a ... in my travels around campus. It ... the same: "Oh, let me see your r... "It's so pretty." There is not us... mention about how the guy pro... even who the lucky guy is. Doe... else besides me see a problem wi...

I quote Dennis Largey from his ... the March 1998 Liahona Magaz... phrase 'before me' in the familia... tion 'Thou shalt have no oth... before me' (Exodus 20:3) is ... Hebrew phrase 'al-panai, which ... front of'— either to the excl... another or 'in preference,' or 'in ... to.' The meaning is clear — th... worship the Lord should not ... adopt any other object to worship ...

Don't get me wrong, I believe ... has a lot of meaning and is an ... sign of commitment, but is it mo... tant than the two people involv... course not! The ring is a symb... love between two people. My po... it is becoming too easy for p... make "the ring" be more impor... the sacred promise it represents.

Brian Anderson
Pleasanton, Calif.

Don't be communum...

Dear Editor,

During World War I a man had ... desire to express his thoughts.

These beliefs began to be expre... forceful manner. The people ... allowed to have their own opi... disagree; when they did, they w... ished. When Lenin forced his ... the people's lives, the "Iron ... stood for more than half a ... Oppressed and consigned to ... hardships is how they lived.

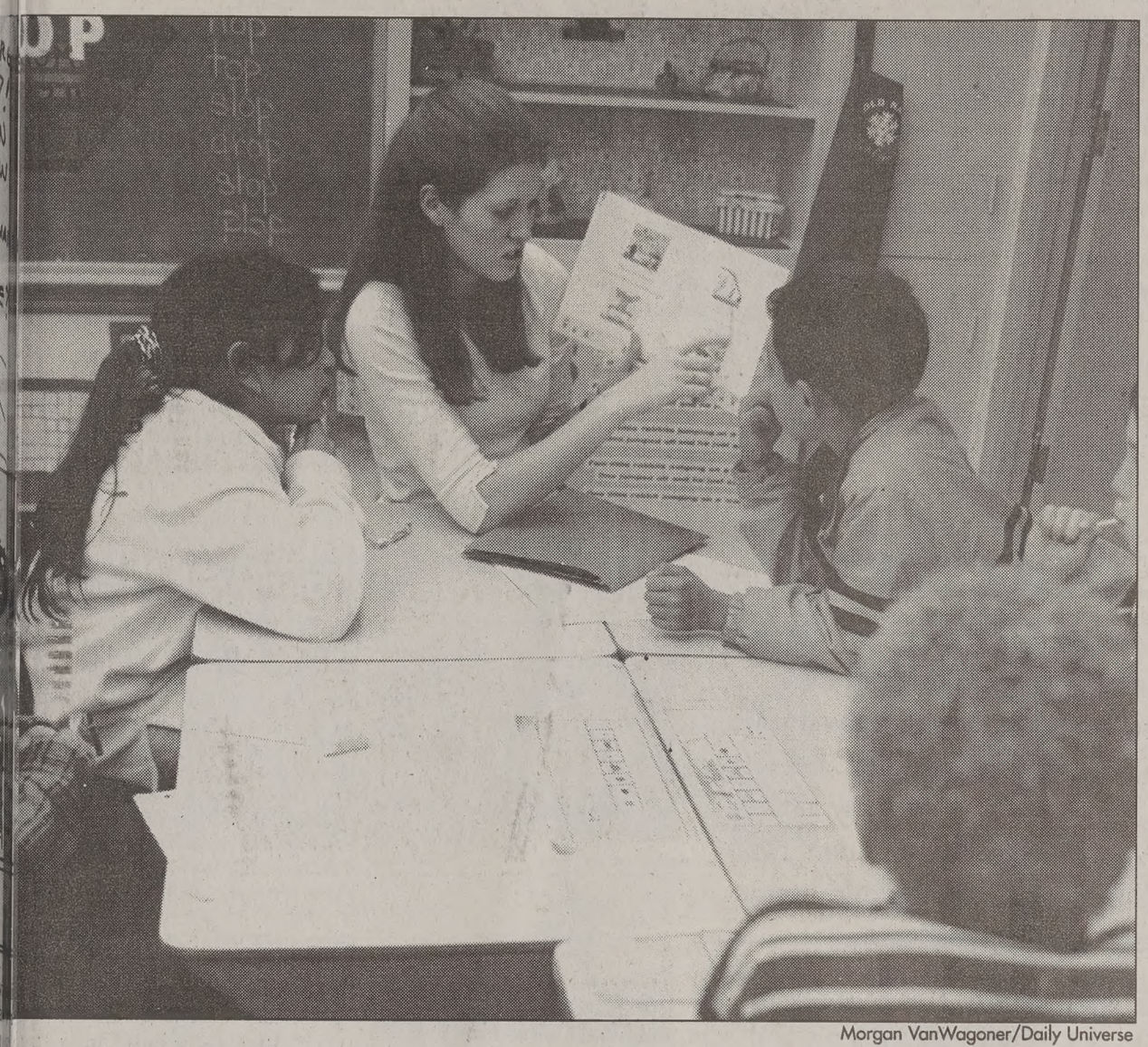
Here at BYU we see communi... finest — self-righteous opinion... dents who think that every studen... believe the same way they do ... There are those that think their ... doctrine. Be open and don't fo... opinion on me because it's just ... ion. Give me my agency to be w... and quit trying to take it away!

I have a few examples ... the ... thinks all guys are cheap was wa... line. This is not the consensus ... ALL BYU females. When was ... time you girls asked guys out? T... with sandals have been an iss... while now. I don't care, that it ... preference to go without socks. ... think I need to be subject to see... ple's feet. As well, they shouldn't ... see mine. For those that don't ... single-strap backpacks worn by ... do you want them to carry the... without a bag?

Don't be communistic! Let ... example shine throughout our t... campus. Let us be who we are. W... so unique. That is why BYU is th... est university.

Jared Andrews
Eatonville, Wash.

udents help in Clinton-sponsored literacy plan



llmore, a sophomore majoring in social work, tutors students in the America Reads Challenge pro- t Provo's Joaquin Elementary School.
Morgan VanWagoner/Daily Universe

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BYU students are reading children's books, looking at pictures and helping elementary school students learn to read.

Karyn Narayan, 26, a junior from Waipanu, Hawaii, majoring in history, brought a national work-study mentoring program to BYU this year.

America Reads Challenge was issued by President Clinton in August 1996 to ensure that every child can read independently by the end of the third grade.

College students are given the opportunity to manage tutoring programs and provide tutoring for children.

Narayan, director of America Reads at BYU, said the program is tutoring at two elementary schools.

"It's a great service-learning opportunity. You get to learn tutoring skills and different ways to help children read books," she said.

The program targets children from kindergarten to the third grade.

"Children who don't read by the fourth grade don't usually succeed in school and then become unsuccessful in life," Narayan said.

According to the Corporation of National Service's Web site, www.cns.gov, 40 percent of children read below the accepted level on national reading assessments.

"America Reads tries to promote a love of reading so children will start reading for leisure," Narayan said.

Professor Jim Backman, director of the Jacobsen Center for Service and Learning, said the program was brought to BYU's attention because of achievements in that area at other universities.

University of Utah, Salt Lake Community College, Westminster and Weber State have implemented the program in the last couple of years.

Because BYU tries to avoid having too many federal programs, BYU did not institute the program earlier, Backman said.

The program is not using any federal funds. State and multi-cultural funds are used to run the work-study program, he said.

The financial aid office is looking into applying for federal aid in the future but nothing is certain, Backman said.

"We owe it to our community, and it is no cost to the university," he said.

The program can only utilize ten students who must be multi-cultural students or graduated from high school in Utah and qualify for a Pell grant.

Natolie Arellano, 20, a junior from Orem, majoring in human biology and psychology, who tutors for the America Reads program, said some elementary students have a hard time getting used to reading everyday.

Arellano tutors second and sixth graders everyday after school.

Although the program presents challenges such as personality conflicts among the children, getting students into a routine and finding stories that are fun to read is very enjoyable, Arellano said.

"I enjoy seeing reading become a more important part of their lives," she said.

Student tutors use different techniques to help students learn to read such as visualizations, phonics, and questioning depending on the program they are using, Arellano said.

Tutors are effective because they work in small groups, usually three to four students, she said.

apbooking finds family history niche

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Campus Craft & Floral g families' lives together scrapbooking.
unique means of fulfilling y," said Lori Jenkins, r of Campus Craft & "Scrapbooking helps to hearts of the children to hers."
s said scrapbooking is an nt part of family history. booking tells a story with n a fun and creative way," "It's more exciting than charts because it helps remember lives, not just nd dates."
bout preserving legacies, said.
r records and objects are to it is vital for us to know ply proper preservation es," said LDS Church his- William G. Hartley. them, and our treasures survive. Guaranteed."

Campus Craft & Floral offers a series of scrapbooking classes to teach preservation techniques.

"Scrapbooking is huge here in Utah, and the classes are an opportunity to expose students to it," said Stacy Snyder, the scrapbook class instructor.

The classes help people realize that anyone can be creative and successful at scrapbooking, she said.

"We start with the very basics and take the students to where they are teaching others," Snyder said.

Snyder said she believes the scrapbooking craze is here to stay.

"It's a hobby that won't end up in Deseret Industries in 10 years," she said. "It's an addiction to the preservation of memories."

Part of the fun of scrapbooking is getting together with others, said Michelle Virtue, assistant manager of Campus Craft & Floral.

"We want to provide an atmosphere where people can enjoy scrapbooking and each other's company," she said. "We have ladies that come in and laugh and have the greatest time doing it."

Most of those who attend are mothers, daughters and sisters, but men are welcome, Virtue said.

Scott Ethington, 25, a graduate student from Salt Lake City, majoring in information systems, said he supports his wife's scrapbooking hobby.

"I think scrapbooking is good because it gives people a chance to get together and socialize, outlet creativity, and have a way of remembering things," he said.

Ethington said his wife has been attending the classes for about a year, but that he doesn't attend the classes himself.

"I've thought about it," he said. "But there aren't any other guys there."

Ethington said he does help out with the scrapbooking at home, but that his wife doesn't put him in charge of much.

The classes are offered Thursday nights during November. The class fee is $8, which includes supplies and instruction.

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From left, two young women display scrapbook pages from their collections. BYU Campus Craft & Floral now offers classes to teach scrapbooking techniques.

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Bear testimony, speaker says

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Bearing testimony is the key to missionary work said Elder Vaughn J. Featherstone at a the biannual prospective missionary fireside in the Wilkinson Student Center last night.

Elder Featherstone, a member of the First Quorum of the Seventy of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, said he was echoing President Boyd K. Packer's words that when something happens, missionaries just need to stop and bear testimony.

There is a great power in the word of God, he said. When people testify, no one can stand the influence of the Spirit.

"This is a wonderful and magnificent church," Elder Featherstone said.

Elder Vaughn J. Featherstone

He said aspects of the church, such as a living prophet, a knowledge of a true and living God, a sure resurrection and an excellent welfare program are examples of the great joy and blessings the LDS Church offers.

Elder Featherstone said missionaries must personally seek to gain testimony of these and the other signs of the true church. Then they must share it with others.

He said God would bear witness to those investigating the truth and that those with honest hearts would believe.

Don't promise a burning in the bosom, Elder Featherstone said. Instead promise a sweet peace.

Elder Featherstone said there is much to do in missionary work.

Missionaries have a great opportunity to touch the lives of people by introducing them to the gospel and bringing them to the waters of baptism, he said.

"There is no way around it," Elder Featherstone said. "People must be baptized into the true and everlasting church."

Elder Featherstone also said missionaries must be worthy to serve the Lord.

"I'd be careful," he said. "You can't serve a mission with one foot in and one foot out. You must be fully worthy and completely committed."

Prepare to accomplish the will of the Lord by developing faith — and just do the work, Elder Featherstone said.

Workshop teaches students balanc

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The holidays are coming quickly, and Woman's Services and Resources wants BYU students to slow down and balance their lives.

Finding balance between mind, body and spirit is the theme of a workshop series starting today and running through December.

Today's workshop focuses on managing stress, especially the kind that often accompanies the holidays.

The spirit, mind and body must work together or the body cannot retain balance, said LaNae Valentine, coordinator of Women's Services and Resources, which is sponsoring the events.

These workshops are especially important to college students who often put one or more of these principles on the back burner, she said.

Valentine said she hopes these worksh will help students to slow down and ance their lives.

Lizzie Cook, 20, a junior from Fairban Alaska, majoring in elementary educat said she can tell the difference when her is out of balance.

"People who put all of their focus on aspect just are not as happy as they co be," she said.

The second lecture will be on Nov. 1 is titled "The Way of the Creative Woma and will give suggestions on uplifting o soul through art, writing and music.

On Nov. 30, the workshop will be refining the soul through the body b obedient to the spirit.

The final lecture, on Dec. 7, will deal w mindfulness, meditation and yoga. In workshop, Valentine will teach that b mindful is nearly as important as eating

All workshops will take place Thursdays from 11 a.m. to noon on third floor of the Wilkinson Student Cen

RHA to host anti-hunger conference

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More than 500 college and university students from Alberta to New Mexico will gather at BYU this week to participate in a hunger banquet to provide service for needy children. Leadership programs will also be presented.

The conference, sponsored by the Intermountain Affiliate of College and University Residence Halls, has the hometown theme of "Somewhere in tYme."

BYU Resident Halls Association President Ben Hess, 22, spent six weeks researching to compile the 50-page bid for BYU to host the event.

Hess said he hopes the guests from other schools will be able to get a taste of the BYU spirit and the LDS church.

Julie Howard, student housing administrator, said at the hunger banquet, 2 percent of the individuals eat an elegant, catered meal representing first-world meals.

Others will be served portions representing second-world meals. And 80 percent of the individuals will eat third-world meals.

"We really want to bring the group to an awareness of world hunger," Howard said.

A portion of the budget from the banquet will be donated to fight world hunger.

Programming chair Amy Merrill, 19, a sophomore from Scotia, N.Y. said she is excited for the chance to share different outlooks with students from other schools.

"I want those who attend to go back to their campuses and be enthused and empowered to serve and make a difference in others' lives," she said.

Natalie Swensen, vice president of the Heritage Halls Area Council, said she would present a program on goal setting and focus on how BYU can make its resident halls better.

BYU students are invited to join the Resident Halls Association members in a service project benefiting needy children Friday from 2-4 p.m. in the WSC, Swensen said.

> "I want those who attend to go back to their campuses and be enthused and empowered to serve and make a difference in others' lives."
> — Amy Merrill, programming chair of BYU Resident Halls Association's banquet to fight world hunger

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f the BYU Folk Dance Ensemble perform at rld of Dance in October. The e performing at "WorlDance" this weeken Salt Lake City.

BYU to perform at WorlDance

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NewsNet Staff Writers

The cultures that lined the Ancient Silk Road are coming to Salt Lake City this weekend in the Eastern Arts annual "WorlDance" performance.

Long-time sports rivals, University of Utah and BYU, will dance together on one stage.

BYU and U of U may be enemies on the field, but they collaborate when it comes to the arts, said Lloyd Miller, founder of Eastern Arts.

Teams from BYU Folk Dance Ensemble will perform traditional dances from Turkey and Armenia.

U of U Character Dance Ensemble will present a new Persian piece and a dance from Uzbekistan, Miller said.

Musicians featuring other countries and a children's dance team will also perform.

Debbie Bartholomew, 22, a sophomore from Sandy, Salt Lake County, majoring in photography, will be dancing with the BYU team.

Bartholomew, who has been folk dancing for three years, said every country has a folk dance.

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>
> — Lloyd Miller, founder of Eastern Arts

"Our dancing is traditional, but the formations are adapted for the stage. For example, everyone is facing out to the audience, but that would be different in a Turkish village," Bartholomew said.

One objective of Eastern Arts is to break down cultural barriers, Miller said.

"For example, when people think of Russia, they might think of Communism first. When they watch Russian dancing, which is some of the most beautiful dancing, it helps people see past that," Jared Booren, a member of the BYU Folk Dance Ensemble.

Booren, 23, a junior from Sherwood, Ore., majoring in communications, said the Armenian dance the BYU men will be performing is a military style.

Two aspects of the concert will stand out, Miller said.

First, the spirituality of the dance and music is peace provoking yet interesting, he said. And the excitement of the colorful dances and soloists is outstanding.

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Miller participated in the beginnings of Eastern Arts, organized on BYU campus in 1963.

lticultural spirit comes through in dance

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Samoan slap dance to merican salsa, BYU's al Student n has unified its 66 verse members under slance.

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mes takes 20-hour work weeks and e performances daily to rea these goals, Rowley said. Hover, for members it's a labor ove.

Most membe volunteers who do not get pa or reimbursed for their efforts, said.

Their messages now being spread nationwid he group just returned from p forming in California.

One of the hights of the organization's s is the Native American stude who perform Polynesian dan and vice versa, Rowley said.

"It's a great ce to discover what we hav common," he said.

The MSO nique because it focuses on dancing, along with spirituality and academics, Rowley said.

This is evident in their weekly regiment, which may include firesides and high school seminars regarding BYU.

Another function of the MSO is to provide a social retreat for its members, who come from around the world, Rowley said.

Nathan Hanamaikai, 23, a senior from California, majoring in Spanish translation and economics, said he joined the MSO to learn more about his Hawaiian, Mexican and Japanese ethnic background.

"Since I've joined the group I feel more complete as a person — I know what kind of rich heritage I have," he said.

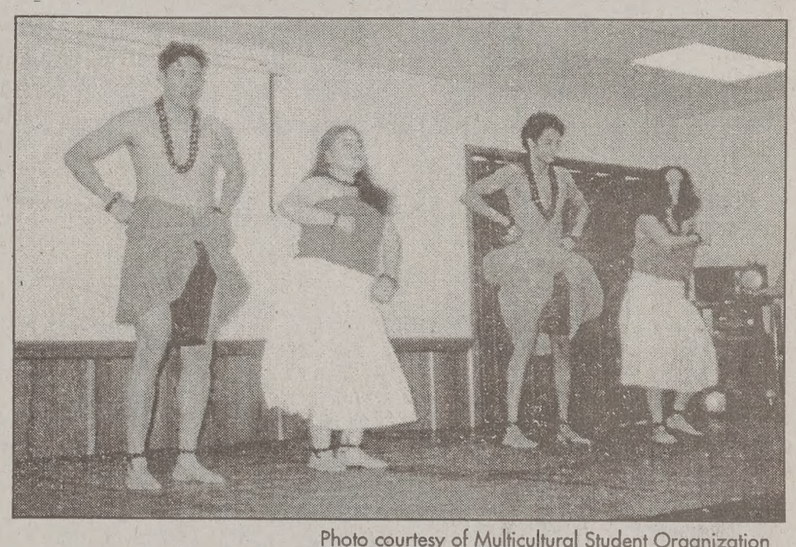
The spirit, love and unity found in the group is its greatest asset, said Andrea Worthen, 21, a senior from Ferron, Emery County, majoring in business.

Worthen said she was one of the original MSO members when the group was founded during Spring Term 1999.

"It's a good place to find people who understand who you are," she said.

MSO's performances have received good reactions from audiences, she said.

"They feed off us and we feed off them. It's really great," she said.



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Members of the Multicultural Student Organization perform an island dance. The group was founded in Spring Term 1999 and consists of 66 members from various ethnic backgrounds.

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BYU forward Sara Reading uses her head to help the Cougars win the MWC title Saturday in Las Vegas. BYU plays Saturday in the NCAAs.

Everyone knows it; BYU deserves title

Women's soccer represents MWC in NCAA tourney

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The announcer knew it. The fans knew it. The other teams knew it. It just took BYU a championship to admit it.

After a weekend and a season of consistently shattering the competition, the BYU women's soccer team once again earned its way into victory — and rightfully so.

The Mountain West Conference championship tournament announcer defined the Cougars in a sentence as he declared, "BYU is definitely a cream-of-the-crop team and we are proud to have them in our conference. They will represent us well."

Soon after, BYU picked up its trophy, smiled for the photographers and exited the field — its season far from over.

After sweeping the MWC championship tournament in Las Vegas last week, the Cougars are looking forward to a week of practice on home turf in anticipation of the next level of play — the NCAA tournament. But the Cougars are tournament pros by now, as BYU has been to the NCAA tournament four times in the program's six-year existence.

The Cougars are humble about the success, attributing the accomplishments so far to hard work and dedication rather than talent and skill alone.

"The girls have worked hard since August for this and we have accomplished one of our main goals, which was to win the MWC championship," BYU coach Jennifer Rockwood said. "I am really pleased with the team performance and the performance of each individual."

And she should be pleased. The Cougars not only swept the games this weekend, they walked away with a majority of the awards as well.

Rockwood won the MWC Coach of the Year award, while Cougars Michelle Jensen-Peterson was awarded Player of the Year and Aleisha Cramer took home the Freshman of the Year plaque. Four of the 11-member MWC all-tournament team came from BYU, namely Aleisha Cramer, Michelle Jensen-Peterson, Sara Reading and Jeni Willardson.

Reading, Cramer, Peterson and Staci Reynolds were named to the All-Mountain West Conference First Team, and seniors Athelia Graham, Natalyn Lewis and Kim Lowe were named to the Second Team.

"We got a lot of individual recognition last weekend — recognition that was certainly well deserved by the girls," Rockwood said. "We didn't realize the other coaches were going to give us that many, but you can't ask for much more than that."

Although the girls earned their recognition, they have not yet quenched their thirst for victory.

"We are definitely pumped for the NCAA tournament," Peterson said. "We just need to go out there and play the best soccer we can."

Men's basketball hypes up crowd for season

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The 2000-2001 BYU men's basketball team spent Wednesday night entertaining a rowdy crowd in the Marriott Center during the Annual BYU Varsity Preview.

The event was a chance for fans to get a sneak preview of this year's team on the Marriott Center court.

The Cougar Club invites youth groups from the community to come to the game each year free of charge to help build fan support for BYU basketball.

As the young fans welcomed the BYU team onto the floor, the Marriott Center sounded like an N'SYNC concert sold out to a screaming pre-sixteen throng.

But the team will take all the fan support it can get.

Trent Whiting, a senior transfer from the University of Utah who will not be eligible to play at BYU until December 15th, said it was good to finally play in front of a BYU crowd.

"Everyone cheering and going crazy was great," Whiting said. "I don't know what I will bring to the team come December 15th. I'm just going to play my game and do whatever I can to help the team win."

When he is eligible to play, Whiting will play at the point guard position vacated by the injured Michael Vranes.

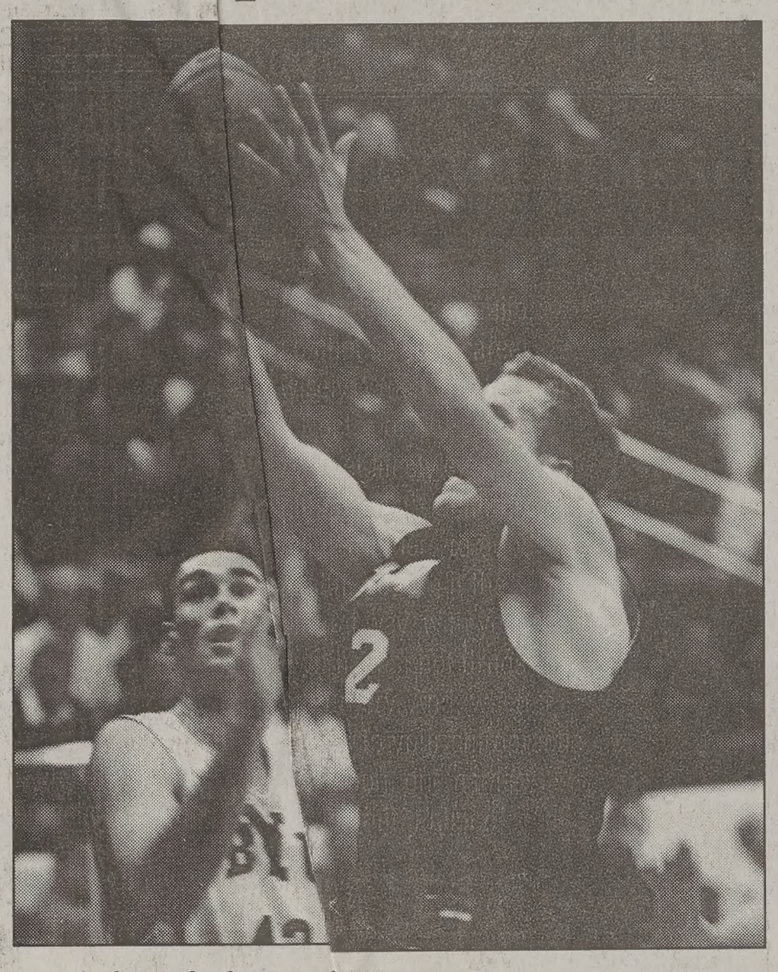
Vranes is out for the season with a foot injury.

The emcee for the Varsity Preview was KSL Radio personality Greg Wrubell, the play-by-play announcer for BYU basketball.

The intrasquad game split the BYU players into a blue team and a white team that scrimmaged during two 20-minute halves.

The blue team, which featured many of the more experienced returning starters, held the white team to a stifling 17 points in the first half of play.

Steve Cleveland, head coach of the BYU men's basketball team, said the Varsity Preview was a good opportunity for the new players to get game experience in front of referees and the crowd.



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Dan Stone/D[illegible] Universe

"When you're a freshman, the energy and emotion of playing in front of a crowd kind of takes it out of you," Cleveland said. "We want to see the new kids acclimated to this level of play."

Team members said they felt the game was a good opportunity to get ready for the upcoming season.

Mekeli Wesley, a returning sen[illegible] at the forward position, said the ga[illegible] was especially good for the newcomers to[illegible] team.

"It's good for them to get a feel of w[illegible] it's like with the lights and the crow[illegible] Wesley said. "I'm sure a lot of the [illegible] had butterflies because they didn't k[illegible] what to expect, but I think we acc[illegible] plished what we wanted to do."

Travis Hansen, a transfer player, [illegible] he was excited to play in front of a [illegible] lege crowd.

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women's USA hockey team id they are the best team in orld, at least for a while.
m USA beat Team Canada by margin at The Peaks Ice a Wednesday night.
ebration of the victory by was subdued, however, due serious injury to Canadian r Cassie Campbell in the eriod.
ing a center ice change of ession, Campbell appeared to an American player, Julie and was knocked to the ice.
ay motionless until medical nnel placed her on a stretcher. was taken to Utah Valley onal Medical Center. ough her status is stable, she ept overnight for cautionary res.

After the injury, the Canadian attack appeared disorganized. The players played aggressively but failed to create any real trouble for the U.S. goalkeeper.

Hayley Wickenheiser, forward for Team Canada, said she was disappointed with the officiating.

"The refereeing seemed very one-sided. We just want it to be fair, but they had double the power plays," she said.

As for the condition of teammate Cassie Campbell, Wickenheiser characterized the incident as a "brutal hit."

Team USA defenseman, Angela Ruggiero, contested it wasn't an intentional hit. She said Julie Chu is one of the cleanest players in hockey.

"It was just a matter of two players bumping each other at center ice. Julie would never do anything like that intentionally," Ruggiero said.

The game seemed to hinge on the success of the American power play. Three of the four USA goals came on power play opportunities.

For their part, the Canadian penalty-killing unit did well at the beginning of the game, stifling the American attack.

Team Canada scored the first goal of the game on their own power play opportunity, taking advantage of disorganization in the USA defense after an American penalty.

The Americans retaliated, scoring an equal strength goal 43 seconds later to tie the game at 1-1.

Penalties seemed to do the Canadian side in as the Americans used their man-up advantage to the fullest, scoring three goals.

Kim St-Pierre, the Canadian goalie, did well to stop an early barrage of shots.

"We had too many penalties, its not easy to get scoring chances when you always have to play defense," she said.

Natalie Darwitz (USA) and Samantha Homes (CAN) fight for the puck Wednesday at the Peaks Ice Arena.

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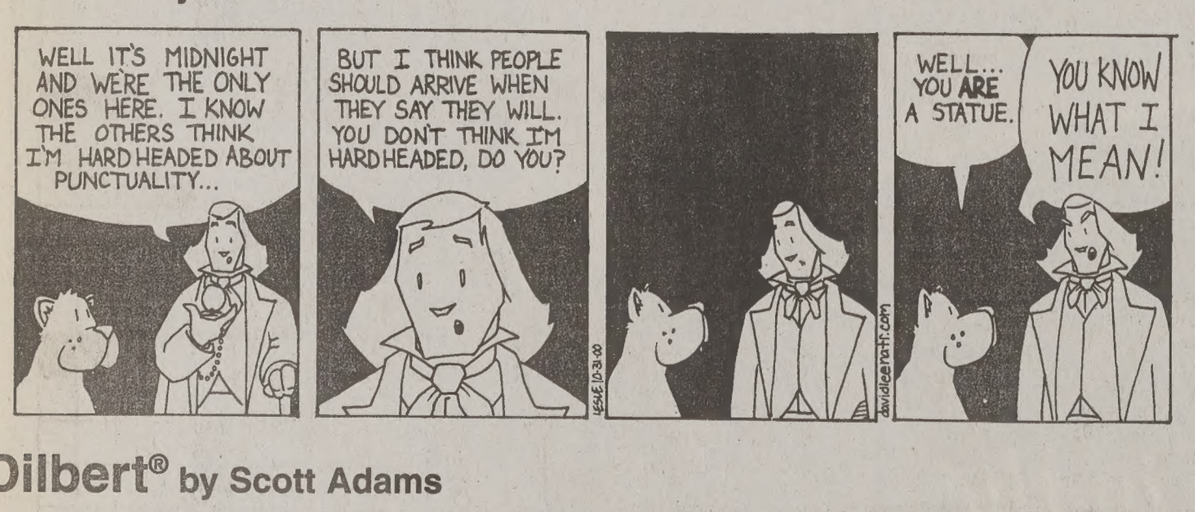
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Lawsuit threatened over elections

Associated Press

WEST PALM BEACH, Fla. — Election officials on Wf complaints and a lawsuit.

Three people filed suit Wednesday seeking a new election in Palm Beach County, claiming the punch-card ballot was so confusing that they accidentally voted for Reform Party candidate Pat Buchanan instead of Vice President Al Gore.

Hundreds of Gore supporters also called the county elections office Wednesday, saying they feared they had mistakenly voted for Buchanan.

Lawyers for the Democratic Party said that the design of the Palm Beach County ballot is illegal and that they may ask for a re-vote. But no immediate action was taken by the party.

Election officials said 19,120 ballots in the county were nullified because they showed more than one vote for president.

Buchanan got 3,407 votes for president in the heavily Democratic county Tuesday, more than he received in any other Florida county, according to unofficial returns.

Statewide, Gore was behind George W. Bush by fewer than 1,800 votes, and Florida held the key to the national race.

"It was so hard to tell who and what you were voting for. I couldn't figure it out, and I have a doctorate," voter Eileen Klasfeld said.

Two larger counties south of Palm Beach both had much lower Buchanan results — 789 in Broward County and 561 in Miami-Dade County. In Duval County, a much more conservative county in northeast Florida, only 650 Buchanan votes were cast.

The confusion apparently arose from the way Palm Beach County's punch-card style ballot was laid out for the presidential race. Candidates are listed in two columns, with holes down the middle between the columns, to the right or the left of each candidate's name.

The top hole was for Bush, who was listed at top left; the second hole was for Buchanan, listed at top right, and the third hole was for Gore, listed under Bush on the left. Arrows linked the names with the proper hole, but some voters feared they had missed the arrows and punched the wrong hole.

"When ballots are placed in the slide for voting, Al Gore and Joe Lieberman are the second names on the ballot, but the third hole to punch," Florida Democratic Party Communications Director Bill Buck said in a statement.

But Clay Roberts, director of the Florida Department of Elections, said the problem was exaggerated.

"I don't think they are confused. I think they left the polling place and became confused. The ballot is very straightforward. You follow the arrow, you punch the location. Then you have voted for who you intend to elect," said Roberts, a Republican appointed by Gov. Jeb Bush, George W.'s brother.

Florida law specifies that voters mark an X in the blank space to the right of the name of the candidate they want to vote for.

Jeff Liggio, a lawyer for county Democrats, called the ballot illegal. "Right means right, doesn't it? The state law says right. It doesn't mean left," he said.

ask force unruffled by strike

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the threat of a statewide ," strike looming over the f the Legislature's Funding ic Education Task Force, ce officials said they see to avoid taking drastic

s Sorenson, president of ducation Association, said tired of broken promises uarantees that statewide will take place if the task ils to create a long-term on-funding plan.

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't think we can give them -term guarantees that they said Sen. Lyle Hillyard, R- Cache County, task force . "A bill can be changed change of the legislature. akes it hard for us to promt a long-term education plan will stay in affect for 10 years."

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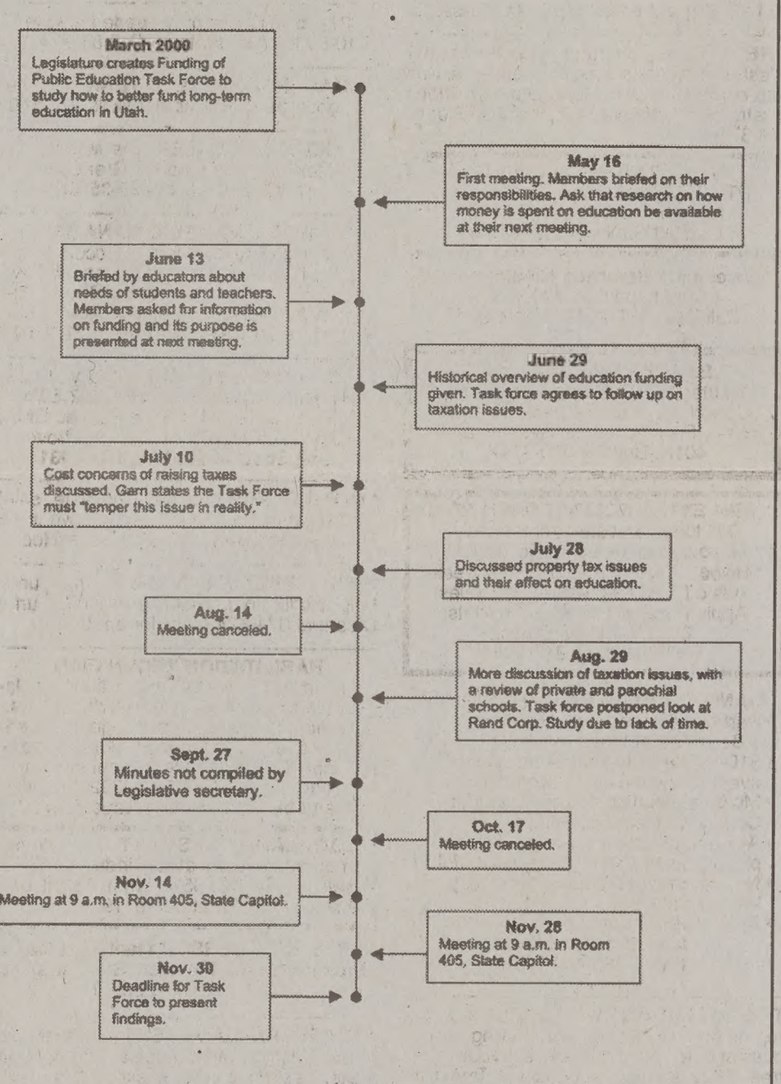
Funding for Public Education Task Force
Overview of Meetings
May - November 2000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Legislature creates Funding of Public Education Task Force to study how to better fund long-term education in Utah.
May 16
First meeting. Members briefed on their responsibilities. Ask that research on how money is spent on education be available at their next meeting.
June 13
Briefed by educators about needs of students and teachers. Members asked for information on funding and its purpose is presented at next meeting.
June 29
Historical overview of education funding given. Task force agrees to follow up on taxation issues.
July 10
Cost concerns of raising taxes discussed. Garn states the Task Force must "temper this issue in reality."
July 28
Discussed property tax issues and their affect on education.
Aug. 14
Meeting canceled.
Aug. 29
More discussion of taxation issues, with a review of private and parochial schools. Task force postponed look at Rand Corp. Study due to lack of time.
Sept. 27
Minutes not compiled by Legislative secretary.
Oct. 17
Meeting canceled.
Nov. 14
Meeting at 9 a.m. in Room 405, State Capitol.
Nov. 28
Meeting at 9 a.m. in Room 405, State Capitol.
Nov. 30
Deadline for Task Force to present findings.

Source: Utah Education Association Web site

Sorensen said UEA officials are tired of fighting the battle for increased educational funding every year and feel the task force is a waste of time.

The creation of this task force and the commitment of additional educational funding for the 2000-2001 school year kept educators from a strike last March, Sorensen said.

"If they can make a long-term funding plan for roads and the Olympics, surely they can make one for education," she said.

Local school officials see the decision to strike as a teacher's choice and will respond to the situation as it develops, said Michael Robinson, public information officer for the Alpine School District.

"We would like to see more money in education. Whether or not a strike is the answer will have to be seen," he said.

Robinson said promoting a teachers' strike would advocate breaking teacher contracts.

"From a district administration's point of view, a strike would not be very beneficial, but if that's what it'll take to get more money in schools, that is what needs to be done," Robinson said.

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> —Jay Markham, president of the Personal Ancestral File group

The PAF users group, formed in 1991, has about 400 members.

"Our group in Provo has been very successful," said Donald R. Snow, vice president of the PAF group.

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints encourages PAF groups in local areas to assist in successful genealogy work, Snow said.

People from all over the Wasatch Front come to these meetings so they can benefit from the classes, Snow said.

PAF classes have different levels of computer and family history training to accommodate everyone, he said.

"PAF is not limited to just the Personal Ancestral File the LDS Church produced. Our classes feature other computer programs such as Family Origins and Legacy," Snow said.

Steve Fox, product manager of the Family History Library Catalog will be speaking Saturday at 9 a.m. at the LDS "Red" Chapel, 4000 N. Timpview Dr. and 650 East in Provo.

Fox will be speaking on how to use the Family History Library Catalog, which he helped produce, Markham said.

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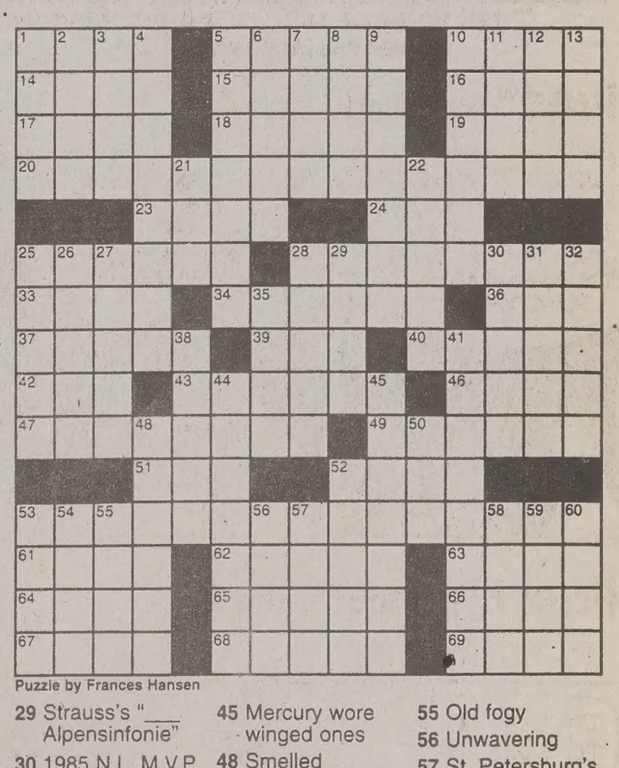
1 Secure with rope
5 Cassandra's father
10 Arnold Schwarzenegger's Austrian birthplace
14 Corp. monitor
15 Andrew Wyeth's "___ Pictures"
16 Zhivago's love
17 Blacken
18 Copycats
19 ___ uproar
20 With 53-Across, a comment on British P.M. William Gladstone
23 "Santa Baby" hitmaker, 1953
24 Sign
25 Barrio resident
28 With 47-Across, maker of the comment
33 Route for Ben-Hur
34 The sphere one moves in
36 1969 movie starring Omar Sharif
37 Long skirts
39 Conversation stopper?
40 Conrad of early films
42 Group of periods
43 Twins
46 "Get ___!"
47 See 28-Across
49 Traffic site
51 Kind of bark
52 Not for
53 See 20-Across
61 Uncontrolled
62 Poetic name for Ireland
63 Stiff in the joints
64 World chess org.
65 Unprecedented
66 Bloke
67 Padded
68 Doesn't eat politely
69 Emerald City visitor

DOWN
1 Place to summer in Scotland
2 1968 U.S. Open champion
3 Onetime Islamic leader
4 Cio-Cio-San's way out
5 Not really there
6 Move, in a way
7 "Before ___ you go . . ."
8 Taj Mahal site
9 Ballet Russe dancer Léonide
10 The Father of Russian Music
11 Tried to contact
12 Asia's ___ Sea
13 Author Grey
21 Wrong
22 Twain's ___ Joe
25 Did a lawn job
26 Game company founded in 1972
27 Where bluebonnets bloom
28 Pancakes served with sour cream
29 Strauss's "___ Alpensinfonie"
30 1985 N.L. M.V.P.
31 "Do ___ a Waltz?"
32 Nice-___
35 It might be surrounded by bows
38 Music practice
41 Caveman's tool, e.g.
44 Victim of herd mentality
45 Mercury wore winged ones
48 Smelled
50 Way: Abbr.
52 1973 resignee
53 Lot
54 Arabian bigwig
55 Old fogy
56 Unwavering
57 St. Petersburg's river
58 Backtalk?
59 Talk
60 Tit for tat, e.g.?



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Supreme Court wrangles over divorce and death

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Divorce can create sticky situations, especially if the husband dies soon afterward without having removed his ex-wife as his life-insurance beneficiary. The Supreme Court wrangled Wednesday over what law governs who gets someone's employee benefits after he or she dies.

"What about ordinary common sense?" Justice Stephen G. Breyer said during arguments in a dispute between a Washington State woman and her late ex-husband's children from a previous marriage.

Ordinarily, Breyer suggested, "people would prefer that their ... share would go to their children rather than to their just-divorced wife."

Donna Rae Egelhoff contends she is entitled to the life insurance and pension benefits of her ex-husband, David Egelhoff, who died in an accident shortly after they were divorced in 1994. His children from an earlier marriage say they should receive the benefits.

Egelhoff died without a will, and his ex-wife still was designated as the beneficiary of his employer-provided insurance and pension benefits. But his children sued under a Washington State law that says getting a divorce revokes a spouse's designation as beneficiary.

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> — Justice John Paul Stevens, Supreme Court Justice

The issue is whether state law is overridden by a federal law that governs employee benefit programs, the Federal Employee Retirement Income Security Act.

Mrs. Egelhoff says the federal law protects plan participants and beneficiaries by overriding state laws that would divert benefits to someone else.

Justice Department lawyer Barbara McDowell, arguing in support of Mrs. Egelhoff, said Egelhoff's wishes were not known, but that the only way to change his beneficiary was if he had filed a form doing so.

"Don't you think there's a reasonable probability here that the plan participant thought the money would not go to his divorced wife?" Justice John Paul Stevens asked.

But Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg suggested a hypothetical case involving "a man who has just divorced a woman, is tired of her ... he's off with a young thing, he's not married and he's feeling tremendous remorse" and decides to let his ex-wife have his benefits.

Justice Antonin Scalia said that perhaps Mrs. Egelhoff had a good lawyer who knew the federal law and told her, "Maybe he doesn't know that, but boy, we're walking away with a good settlement."

Thomas Goldstein, attorney for Egelhoff's children, Samantha and David, said the couple had a detailed divorce decree.

"He got the tan area rug and she got the exercycle," Goldstein said. If Mrs. Egelhoff wins the case, "she's going to come along and recover again. The children are going to be out of luck for no sensible purpose."

Saudi terrorist suspected in bombing

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Defense Secretary William Cohen said Wednesday it is too early to conclude that suspected terrorist mastermind Osama bin Laden was behind the bombing of the USS Cole in Yemen.

Speaking with reporters in his Pentagon office, Cohen was asked whether evidence collected so far by U.S. and Yemeni investigators points to bin Laden, the exiled Saudi millionaire who is wanted by the FBI in connection with the 1998 bombings of U.S. embassies in Africa.

"We can't say that at this point," Cohen responded. "That's a conclusion that hopefully the FBI will be able to reach (soon), in terms of who is responsible and who we can hold accountable."

"Osama bin Laden is one that we will continue to look at, but it is by no means definitive at this point as to who was responsible for this," Cohen said.

Bin Laden has called for a holy war on the United States and vowed to drive the U.S. military out of the Middle East.

The Cole, a guided-missile destroyer, was refueling in Aden harbor on Oct. 12 when a small boat loaded with explosives maneuvered to the ship's side and detonated the bomb, blowing a 40-by-40-foot hole in the hull and killing 17 sailors.

Cohen said U.S. investigators in Yemen are "still getting good cooperation" from Yemeni authorities, but he knew of no breakthroughs.

The Cole continued its journey aboard the heavy-lift ship Blue Marlin en route to the United States. Navy officials said Tuesday no final decision had been made on whether the Cole would return to its home port at Norfolk, Va., or to a shipyard in Maine or Mississippi. The Navy intends to repair the $1 billion ship and return it to service.

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